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Dorchester man gets 9 to 12 years for shooting at State Trooper in Milton

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State Police Trooper Michael Hardman saw a gray Chrysler Pacifica operating erratically on Hillside Road in Milton just before 11 p.m. on March 28, 2007 and put on his blue lights. But the Pacifica sped away.

The car finally stopped near the Ulin Rink on Unquity Road, but only long enough for the driver to hold a pistol out the window and fire two rounds at the officer still behind the wheel.

By the time Rico Perry, DOB 6/30/87, was taken into custody about three hours later barefoot and wearing boxer shorts with no pants he had been chased through a half-dozen towns in two counties, dumped the Pacifica, stolen another car after breaking into a garage in Cohasset, crashed that Lincoln into the cruiser of a State Police Captain and eventually crashed at the intersection of Nantasket Ave and J Street in Hull.

“State Police and several police departments worked together to bring this frantic, dangerous night to a close,” District Attorney William Keating said after sentencing today, Feb. 20, 2009. “Several police officers came far too close to losing their lives because of Mr. Perry's actions and we were adamant that his punishment should reflect the gravity of this.”

Assistant District Attorney Margaret Krippendorf had requested that Norfolk Superior Court Judge Janet Sanders, who presided over Perry's jury trial earlier this month, impose a sentence of 12 to 16 years in State Prison. “The imposed sentence is not far from what we requested,” Keating said. “ADA Krippendorf did nice work in this case.”

(The fine print, how the sentence broke down: He was charged with the following 8 offenses:

- 1. Armed assault with intent to murder Trooper Hardman: 8 to 10 years committed*
- 2. Carrying a firearm: 4 to 5 years committed, concurrent.*
- 3. Breaking and entering into a garage with intent to commit a felony: 1 to 2 years, CONSECUTIVE to Count 1.*
- 4. Larceny of a motor vehicle: 1 to 2 years, Concurrent*
- 5. Breaking and entering into a motor vehicle with intent to commit a felony: 3 years probation*
- 6. Reckless operation of a motor vehicle: 3 years probation*
- 7. Reckless operation of a motor vehicle: 3 years probation*
- 8. Larceny under \$250: 3 years probation, drug evaluation and treatment as deemed necessary.)*

Any and all defendants mentioned are legally innocent until proven guilty.